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Appointment of O. Lloyd Meehan as chief of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Game-Fish and Hatcheries was announced today by Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. The appointment became effective on September 25.

Dr. Meehan, who has been assistant chief of the Division since June, 1942, succeeds Milton C. James who was appointed September 1 as assistant director of the Service. He has been associated with the Fish and Wildlife Service and its predecessor agency, the Bureau of Fisheries, since 1930 when he became a biologist at the Fairport, Iowa, Station. He also served at Natchitoches, La., Marion, Ala., Leetown, W. Va., and Welaka, Fla. Dr. Meehan specialized in the field of research propagation of warm water fish, with particular reference to the development of methods and the related use of fertilizers.

A native of Minnesota, Dr. Meehan received his B.S. in 1927, his M.S. in 1932 in Ecology from the University of Minnesota and his Ph.D. in Zoology from Ohio State University in June 1940.

Prior to entering the service of the Federal Government, Dr. Meehan was employed in 1927 as an investigator of lakes and streams for the Minnesota Game and Fish Department, and for two years he was in charge of a stream pollution survey for the City of Duluth, Minn. He is the author of several publications in the field of fish culture and fertilization.

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